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The paranoia of Attorney General Ashcroft has led him to request all sorts of extreme measures that really don't make Americans any safer and, in fact, render them more vulnerable to the intrusion of government and others into their private lives.

Please oppose the approval of any such requests, and please also inform me of the action you have taken in this regard.

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Dr. Mark J. Ratkus

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